

REMARKS

Applicants submit that this Amendment After Final Rejection places this application in better form for appeal. Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment should only require a cursory review because the claim amendments presented herein do not add any new features and do not significantly alter the scope of the claims, and thus should not require any further search by the Examiner. This Amendment is necessary as it clarifies the issues for consideration by the Board and was not earlier presented because Applicants believed that the prior responses placed this application in condition for allowance, for at least the reasons set forth in those responses.

Also attached hereto are two references submitted as evidence. The two references are the tables of contents of two books, both published approximately twenty years ago and in the English-language, which would have been available to any ordinary worker in the art at the time the present invention was made. This evidence was not earlier presented because Applicants believed that the prior responses placed this application in condition for allowance, for at least the reasons set forth in those responses, and because this evidence only supports that which is well-known in the art.

Accordingly, entry of the present Amendment and the two references submitted as evidence, as an earnest attempt to reduce the number of issues for appeal, is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

Respectfully submitted,

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